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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.

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1. ☒ The communication filed 01-30-03 is informal/non-responsive for the reason(s) checked below and should be corrected. **APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER OR UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE SET IN THE LAST OFFICE ACTION (WHICHEVER IS LONGER) WITHIN WHICH TO CORRECT THE INFORMALITY.**
- a. ☐ The amendment to claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, fails to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and is accordingly held to be non-responsive. A supplemental paper correcting the informal portions and complying with the rule is required.
- b. ☐ The paper is unsigned. A duplicate paper or ratification, properly signed, is required.
- c. ☐ The paper is signed by \_\_\_\_\_, who is not of record. A ratification or a new power of attorney with a ratification, or a duplicate paper signed by a person of record, is required.
- d. ☐ The communication is presented on paper which will not provide a permanent copy. A permanent copy, or a request that a permanent copy be made by the Office at applicant's expense, is required, see M.P.E.P. 714.07.
- e. ☒ Other See attached pages.
2. ☐ In accordance with applicant's request, **THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE FROM THE OFFICE ACTION DATED \_\_\_\_\_**  
**IS EXTENDED TO RUN \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH(S).**  
No further extension will be granted unless approved by the Commissioner. 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (b)
3. ☐ Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119 which papers have been made of record in the file.
4. ☐ Other

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1. The response filed on January 30, 2003 is informal or not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicants have failed to clearly point out the patentable novelty which they think each of the claims presents, particularly newly added claims 11-13, in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited, as required by 37 CFR 1.111. More particularly, applicants have not specifically pointed out how the language of each of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the prior art of record. A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references is not sufficient. See, for example, 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), as well as MPEP 714.04. Applicants are **REQUIRED** to point out, for each of the claims, the claim language which applicants think sets forth the patentable novelty in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references of record.

While the above omissions may seem minor, the prompt development of clear issues **requires** that the patentable novelty which applicants think the claims present be clear from the prosecution record.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a TIME LIMIT of ONE MONTH from the date of this letter. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2 . Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn Gossage whose telephone number is (703) 305-3820.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Do Yoo, can be reached on (703) 308-4908.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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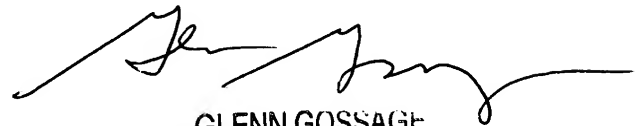
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